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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

Date: April 27, 1992

Subject: EPA Contract No. 68-W8-0079: Request to Pursue Work
Selmer, Company, North American Philips Corp. and Macmillan,
Inc.

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Background WW Engineering & Science has requested approval to "perform soil and ground water investigations" for the aforementioned companies to determine the nature and the extent of contamination at the site. In May and June, 1985, elevated levels of "TCE" were found in residential wells. In response to the finding, EPA took a number of actions under the Emergency Response provisions of CERCLA including ground water sampling, conducting a hydrologic assessment and a ground-penetrating radar survey, implementing an emergency action plan for the area, providing filters and constructing public water mains for properties in the path of the contaminated ground water plume for a cost of approximately \$569,000.

On July 31, 1989, the Department of Justice brought a civil action against plaintiffs requiring them to, among other actions, "determine the nature and extent of contamination emanating from the Selmer facility..." It is my understanding that the plaintiffs plan to sign a Consent Decree in the near future and are in the process of getting a contractor on board to do the study.

Recommendation The Project Officer spoke with Carl Malsom, Program Manager for WWES, this date, and he confirmed that WWES had never worked for any of the above referenced companies. The On-Scene Coordinator confirmed that since working on this site beginning in 1985, he has no knowledge that WWES ever worked for the plaintiffs. This site is not on the National Priorities List so there is a very good possibility that this site will not be identified for remedial action and require the services of an ARCS contractor. In conclusion, we recommend that WWES' request to pursue this work be approved. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Vogtman at 886-9553 or Ken Theisen at 886-1959.